

URGES \$30,000,000 U. S. BUILDING PLAN

Commission Headed by Senator Smoot Recommends Construction in D. C.

TO AVOID RENT PAYING

Five New Structures Proposed for Housing Government Activities, as Measure of Economy.

A comprehensive building plan for the government in the District of Columbia which will cost approximately \$30,000,000 is recommended in the annual report of the public buildings commission, of which Senator Smoot of Utah is chairman. This is in accordance with a statement made by Senator Smoot several weeks ago.

The building program outlined by the commission calls for the erection of five new government buildings, the expenditure to be made over a period of five years.

The report calls for an immediate expenditure of \$1,000,000 to erect steel stacks for filing government records in the interior court of the pension building. These stacks would be fifteen stories high. By moving government records from offices now occupied by the executive departments and bureaus to these stacks a vast amount of space will be made available for government workers in those buildings.

List of Buildings Proposed.
The stacks in the pension bureau building are not intended to take the place of the proposed national archives building, but merely as an emergency plan, giving immediate relief from congested conditions. The national archives building is one of the five proposed in the building program of the commission. It would be erected on the site now available at 12th street and Ohio avenue northwest.

The other four buildings proposed are:
A seven-story office building for the bureau of internal revenue and the office of the controller of the currency, to be built on the government-owned land between 20th and 21st streets and B and C streets northwest.

Three office buildings, for which plans have been prepared, to be erected south of Pennsylvania avenue between 14th and 15th streets.

Would Avoid Rent Charges.
With the erection of these structures, it is believed that the government would not have to rent any quarters in the District for its various activities, but would be able to house them all in its own buildings, resulting in a very large saving to the government in the long run.

The report of the commission urges Congress to remove twelve temporary buildings, built during the war, including those at 14th and B streets northwest and at 19th and B streets northwest.

The report calls attention to the fact that at present the Department of Agriculture occupies twenty-two buildings scattered around the city. These buildings should be gathered together not only for economy, but also for efficiency of administration, it was said.

CONVENT CORNER STONE CEREMONIES ARE BRIEF

Completed Building Will Be Cloistered Community for Visitation Sisters.

Marked by brief and simple though impressive ceremonies, the corner stone of the new convent for the Sisters of the Visitation, under construction at Alta Vista, Md., was laid yesterday afternoon. A small group of friends and representatives of the order and the architects witnessed the exercises, which were held under an improvised shelter.

The whole ceremony probably consumed not more than five minutes. The heavy block of stone was swung into place by attendants, after a metal box, containing documents selected by the sisters to be sealed into the foundation, had been fitted into a recess.

The customary Catholic ritual of blessing the stone with holy water was executed by Rev. Edward L. Ruekey, pastor of St. Matthew's Church. George E. Hamilton, representing the order, was in charge of the ceremonies. Among those who witnessed the rites were Mrs. Hamilton, W. G. Peter and A. B. Mullett & Co., associated architects.

The corner stone laying was conducted in such an inconspicuous manner because of the nature of the enterprise. The completed building will constitute a cloistered community, the public having access only to a small chapel at the front of the structure.

DR. CRAFTS' SUCCESSOR.

Dr. Robert Watson Named to Fill Place of Late Reformer.

Dr. Robert Watson of New York was elected acting superintendent of the International Reform Bureau to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, at a meeting yesterday afternoon of the board of trustees. Mrs. E. E. Pennell of this city was made acting treasurer. Dr. Watson was named to serve three months.

PERPETUAL BUILDING ASSOCIATION

Pays 6 Per Cent on shares maturing in 45 or 83 months. It

Pays 4 Per Cent on shares withdrawn before maturity.

Assets More Than \$8,000,000
Surplus More Than \$800,000

Corner 11th and E Sts. N.W.
JAMES HERRY, President
JOSEPH W. CARR, Secretary

Music for the New Year's Party—Phonographs at \$5

Plays all disc records to twelve inches. All nickel-plated parts; mahogany finish tone box; neatly made; portable. Demonstration on the main floor.

A Story of a Reduction Sale of Women's High-Grade Dresses



Illustration Represents General Style.

That Has Somewhat to Do With WORKMANSHIP
a Lot With STYLE and More About PRICE

We could write a good deal about the way these dresses are made, the fine finish that is so evident, and the style features sure to captivate every Miss's, Woman's and Stout Woman's heart—and last, a very important fact: They associate with prices far beneath their high standard. Now go on with the rest of the story—

\$19.75, \$25, \$29.75, \$35 Up to \$45

This includes dresses fashioned of superb quality silk, cloth or velvet, for street, afternoon, dinner and evening wear. The majority are late fall models taken from our regular stock and a number of dresses bought here through a series of purchases at remarkable price concessions, which in turn are literally handed over to our patrons. Each day we are receiving New Spring Models—interesting news for women who desire to be the "first" to wear the new things.

Palais Royal—Third Floor.

New Arrivals of Advanced Styles in Charming Midseason Millinery



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**\$5.00, \$7.50
and \$10.00**

We have offered hundreds of chic new hats that are most beautiful for the miss and young woman, in a variety of advance ideas with style and individuality.

For your approval are the ever popular off-the-face models, small brimmed hats and cute short-back pokes, fashioned of Faile silk, rich satin, hair cloth and a touch of straw that denotes spring, cleverly trimmed with small flowers, ribbons and embroidery. Colors are brown, navy, flame, Copen blue, sand, black and combination colors in harmonious shadings.

Exclusive Hats for the Southland At \$15, \$20 to \$27.50

Our French Salon now offers a wonderful variety of small, medium and large hats in a host of authentic Paris styles for traveling, sports and beach resort wear that will prove interesting to the stay-at-home as well as the tourist.

Palais Royal—Second Floor.

Reductions! For Saturday—Children's Day

Lovely Dresses at \$10

Of velvet, crepe, jersey and taffeta. Youthful models, with touches of handwork. Some with combination colored waist and velvet skirt. 8 to 14 years. Reduced to **\$10.00**

Regulation Suits, \$10

25 suits of navy flannel or French serge, pleated skirt and separate middie. Braid and emblem trimmed. Sizes to 16. Were \$16 to \$18. At **\$10.00**

Gym Bloomers at \$1

Of black sateen, regulation style, with inverted pleat, adjustable waist and bottom. 12 to 20. **\$1.00**

Every Child's Hat Reduced

Includes felt, plush, beaver and sports models.
\$1.00—values \$1.50 to \$2.98.
\$1.98—values \$2.25 to \$3.98.
\$2.98—values \$3.50 to \$5.98.
\$3.98—values \$5.00 to \$8.98.

Children's Pajamas, \$1

One and two piece pajamas, of striped flannel. Sizes to 16. Slightly soiled. At **\$1.00**

Middy Skirts, 88c

Of galates, with strap shoulder; blue, red, white and khaki. Odd sizes. Reduced to **88c**

Palais Royal—Third Floor.

Maraschino Cherries

You'll Surely Want a Pound
For New Year's Day Celebration

49c lb.

Dipped in crystal syrup and covered with chocolate. We have just received hundreds of pounds of these Cherries. On display on the main floor.

Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale of

Tunics at \$15 to \$37.50 Each

Special sale of these high-class beaded and spangled tunics, in black, opal, rose, flame, blue, emerald, sapphire, red and black, amethyst, etc. All very unusually priced at \$15 to \$37.50 each.

Palais Royal—Trimming Dept., Main Floor.

Pre-Inventory Clearance of
About 200

Men's Madras Shirts at 95c

Crepe and Woven Madras Shirts, neat stripes that are printed, also a few woven through. Originally sold from \$1.50 up to \$2.25. Sizes 14 to 17, but most of them are 15½ to 17. Slightly soiled. Pre-Inventory Sale price, **95c**

Men's Silk Ties, 50c

Broken assortment of open-end ties, in good patterns and colorings. **50c**

Palais Royal—Main Floor.

The PALAIS ROYAL

The Shopping Center—11th and G Sts.—Est. 1877—A. Limer, Pres.

After-Christmas Clearance Sale Coats and Wraps

Sizes 14 to 44

63 Winter Coats

\$31.75

Originally \$35 to \$48

Fur-trimmed coats in straightline, bloused and side draped models. Fur collars of caracul, wolf and opossum are distinctive features.

49 Winter Coats

\$41.75

Originally \$49.50 to \$59.50

Styles distinctively smart and tailoring that insures elegance of appearance. Features are collars of beaver, fox and squirrel, with the season's rich, high-pile fabrics.

A SPECIAL FOR MISSES
SWAGGER MANNISH

Top Coats

\$19.75

New and smart, fleecy Moredales, imported woolsens, plaid backs, double-faced fabrics. Sizes 14 to 20.

CLEARANCE SALE
ONE-OF-A-KIND

Coats

\$73.00

Superb creations—the style successes of the year. Developed of finest fabric and embellished with lovely furs of superior quality.

Palais Royal—Third Floor.

Pre-Inventory Clearance of Gloves

20-button-length French Glace Kid Gloves, in white. At **\$8 pair**.
16-button-length, in brown, champagne, mastic, black and white. At **\$6.50**.

12-button-length, in mode, tan, brown, black and white. At **\$5.50 pair**.

8-button-length, in brown, black and white. At **\$4 and \$4.50**.

Slip-on Biarritz P. K. Glace Kid Gloves, in champagne shades, self embroidered and with brown. At **\$3.75 pair**.

Strap-wrist Gauntlet Gloves, extra long, wide cuff; two-toned embroidered stitching, in mode, tan, brown, black; self-stitched and with white; White, self and with black. Tre-fousse make. At **\$4.85 pair**.

Strap-wrist Gauntlets, in the much wanted gray shades; medium and pearl; two-toned and contrast embroidery and gore. At **\$3.95 pair**.
French Glace Kid, in taupe and ox blood shades, embroidery stitching, medium-weight glaze, in white with black stitching, sewing and gore; washable Capeskin Gauntlets in brown, beaver and gray. \$3 to \$4 qualities. At **\$2.85 pair**.

Palais Royal—Main Floor.

Pointex Silk Hosiery, If Perfect Regularly \$2.50 and \$2.25, at \$1.59

Pointex hosiery needs no introduction to Washington women—hundreds, yes, thousands, know of their superior qualities. And, think of it!—only \$1.59 pair. Good quality silk, full fashioned, with mercerized top. In Black, White, Brown, Otter, Cocoa and Gray. Choose from regular and extra sizes. All have very slight irregularities, and that's why this low price is possible—\$1.59.



\$2.95 Sports Hose, \$2.69

Full-fashioned All-wool and Silk-and-wool Sports Hose. Hand-embroidered silk clocks, two-toned and plain colors. Black, brown, gray, blue, camel, beaver and heather. At **\$2.69**.

Sports Hose, \$1.95 Pair

Holeproof and Phoenix make. Silk and wool in black and brown. Plain and ribbed with embroidered silk clocks. At **\$1.95 pair**.

Women's Sports Bloomers \$3.95

Good quality Jersey silk, with elastic at waist. Neva drop. In black, blue, gray, taupe, brown, navy and green. Deep shirred cuff. All sizes. At **\$3.95**.

Sports Hose, \$1 Pair

Regularly \$1.50 and \$1.25. Silk and wool and wool, plain dropstitch and English ribbed. Fiber silk in ribbed and plain. Silk mercerized in plain colors and two-toned, tan, camel, blue, brown, beaver and gray. First quality. At **\$1 pair**.

Silk Hose, \$1 Pair

Regularly \$1.65. Onyx Heeltex Silk Hose, seamed back, in black, gray, suede. Slightly irregular. At **\$1 pair**.

Women's Wool Bloomers \$3.50

Made with saddle seat, large reinforcement, shirred cuff, in black, blue and gray. At **\$3.50 pair**.

Chiffon Silk Hose, \$1.50

The popular sheer silk, with seamed back, in black, gray, camel, otter, beaver and caracul. First quality in sealed package. At **\$1.50 pair**.

Silk Hose, \$1.65 Pair

Holeproof make. The popular seamer with ribbed top. Seamed back, in black, white, tan, brown, navy and gray. At **\$1.65 pair**.

Boys' and Girls' Hose, 25c

Good wearing, double knee, for boys 6 to 10½ sizes. Misses' and children's lighter weight ribbed hose, 4 to 10 sizes. English ribbed, ¾ rolled top, in black, white and brown. All sizes. At **25c pair**.

Onyx Hose, 3 Pairs, \$1

Regular 50c value. Triple knee. Good looking and wear resisting Ribbed Hose. Medium weight for boys or girls in black and brown. Sizes 6 to 10. At 3 pairs for **\$1**. Palais Royal—Main Floor.

Women's Union Suits \$1.00

Good-fitting fleeced garment, low neck, sleeveless; Dutch neck, elbow sleeve, and high neck, long sleeve, ankle length. At **\$1**.

Palais Royal—Main Floor.

MEN

Remarkable Clearance after Inventory. Odd and incomplete lots that offer big savings on clothes of Palais Royal quality.

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S ALL-WOOL \$35 to \$45 GRADE

Overcoats

REDUCED TO

\$27.45

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S \$40 to \$50 GRADE

Overcoats

REDUCED TO

\$29.45

MEN'S \$45 TO \$50

Overcoats

Conservative staple Chesterfields, of fine quality all-wool Meltons; sizes 36 to 38. Reduced to

\$32.45

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S \$37.50 TO \$45

Two-Trousers Suits

Strictly all wool, fine quality tailoring. Reduced to

\$29.45

MEN'S \$50

Two-Trousers Suits

Of fine quality, all wool, smooth silk mixed worsteds, the long-wearing fabric; sizes in regulars, stouts and longs. Reduced to

\$35.00

Palais Royal—Main Floor.

BOYS

UNUSUAL CLEARANCE PRICES AFTER INVENTORY

A regrouping of odd and incomplete size assortments, offering thrifty parents values extraordinary.

Boys' \$7.95 All-wool Mackinaws, sizes 10, 11, 12 and 13. Reduced to **\$5.95**

Boys' \$10 to \$12.50 All-wool Mackinaws, sizes 7, 8, 9 and 10. Reduced to **\$6.75**

Little Boys' \$7.95 Overcoats, good quality chin-chillas; sizes 5 to 8. Reduced to **\$4.45**

Boys' \$10 to \$12.50 Overcoats, woolen chin-chillas and all-wool meltons; convertible collar style, with muff pockets and all-wool linings; sizes 3 to 8. Reduced to **\$7.45**

Boys' \$15 to \$20 All-wool Overcoats, including many of the best grades in our stock. Sizes from 3 to 12. Reduced to **\$11.75**

Boys' 2-pants Corduroy Suits, comprising the best in our stock and include Crompton all-weather and the famous Lawrence velvet-finish corduroy; both knickers full lined. Sizes 7 to 16. Reduced to **\$8.45**

Boys' \$2.25 Corduroy Knickers, of good quality narrow waist; every pair full lined. Sizes 8 to 17. Reduced to **\$1.85**

Boys' \$1.75 Crompton All-weather Corduroy Knickers, sizes 9 to 16. Reduced to **\$1.45**

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